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SUMMARY FROM PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

A. MEDIA PROFILE

- 1. US EFFORTS TO BUOY ITS PEACE INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE TALKS BETWEEN THE US AND VIETNAM ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE THE MAJOR STORY'S IN TUESDAY'S NEWSPAPERS. THE LEAD STORY IN THE WASHINGTON POST SAYS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO PERSUADE KEY AFRICAN LEADERS TO GIVE THE INITIATIVES ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA MORE TIME INSTEAD OF OPTING FOR A TOTAL COMMITMENT TO GUERRILLA WARFARE. MEANWHILE, ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE LATEST BRITISH-AMERICAN PLANS FOR HOLDING A GENERAL PEACE CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA, ACCORDING TO THE POST.
- 2. OTHER FRONT PAGE STORIES: A. DOUBTS ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LATEST MODEL OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM ARE WIDESPREAD AMONG LABOR AND BUSINESS LEADERS AND EVEN WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION. B. SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER TO DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED IN THE DEADLOCKED SALT NEGOTIATIONS. C. AFTER FOUR DECADES OF HOSTILITY, CHINA AND JAPAN HAVE SIGNED A NEW FRIENDSHIP TREATY.
- 3. ON NETWORK NEWS, CBS LOOKED AT THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH CAUSE NATO NATIONS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT US SALT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. EUROPE REPORTEDLY IS LOOKING FOR A GREATER INPUT INTO FUTURE ARMS NEGOTIATIONS.
- B. SUMMARY OF SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS
- 4. ACCORDING TO TASS, ADMIRAL TURNER "LIED" ABOUT SOVIET COMPLICITY IN THE CURRENT EVENTS IN IRAN ON THE CBS "FACE THE NATION" TELEVISION PROGRAM SUNDAY. THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY CLAIMED THAT UN ONE HAND WASHINGTON WOULD LIKE TO WHITEWASH AMERICAN INTER-

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FERENCE IN IRAN AND ON THE OTHER TOSLANDER THE SOVIET UNION. TASS ATTRIBUTES THE CAUSES OF THE CURRENT INTERNAL DISORDERS IN IRAN TO AMERICAN OIL MONOPOLIES AND TO THE INUNDATION OF THE COUNTRY BY US MILITARY AID AND "EXPERTS." (FBIS)

5. FEDERAL PRUSECUTORS HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO DELETE ROM FORMAL CHARGES VARIOUS REFERENCES TO MEETINGS BETWEEN A CIA OFFICIAL AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE PERJURY TRIAL OF AN OFFICIAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CORPORATION. THE OFFICIAL ON TRIAL IS ONE OF TWO ITT EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH LYING TO A SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE DURING ITS INVESTIGATION INTO ITT AND CIA'S ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN AIDING FOES OF SALVADOR ALLENDE DURING THE 1970 CHILEAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. (POST)

6. EGYPT ASKED THE US YESTERDAY FOR "CLARIFICATION" OF THE LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY. DETAILS OF THE REQUESTS WERE NOT MADE PUBLIC, BUT THEY REPORTEDLY CONCERNED THE LINKING OF THE TREATY TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP. BOTH US AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WERE PART OF THE NORMAL NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND DID NOT IMPLY AN EGYPTIAN REJECTION OF THE DRAFT TREATY. AMERICAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT IF ALL GOES WELL, THE FORMAL DOCUMENT COULD BE READY FOR SIGNING IN ONE TO TWO WEEK.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER AL AHRAM HAS REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS ASKED FOR "FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES" IN THE US DRAFT PEACE TREATY. SADAT IS SAID TO WANT A CLOSER LINKAGE BETWEEN THE TREATY AND A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE ARABISRAELI DISPUTE.

THE ISRAELI PARLIAMENT MET LATE INTO THE NIGHT YESTERDAY. A
KEY TOPIC OF DEBATE WAS THE ISSUE OF "LINKAGE"--THE DEGREE OF
ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP SOLUTIONS. PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN SAID A DECISION ON THE DRAFT TREATY WAS POSSIBLE LATER
TODAY. (NYT) (FBIS)

7. LEFTIST-BACKED CANDIDATES WON MAYORAL ELECTIONS IN ATHENS AND PIRAEUS, THE LARGEST PORT IN GREECE. ONE-THIRD OF GREECE'S 9.3 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE IN THE ATHENS-PIRAEUS AREA, AND THE LOCAL BALLOTING USUALLY INDICATES THE FUTUREPOLITICAL TREND ON A

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- B. BENJAMIN LEVICH, THE HIGHEST-RANKING SOVIET PHYSICIST EVER TO APPLY TO EMIGRATE WAS TOLD YESTERDAY HE HAS PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE USSR. HIS CASE WAS TAKEN UP BY SENATOR KENNEDY WITH SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV LAST MONTH. (POST)
- 9. HANOI RADIO CLAIMS THAT CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS HAVE STAGED AN UPRISING AGAINST THEIR OFFICERS IN THE WESTERN MILITARY REGION AND THAT REBEL FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED ALL ROADS LEADING TO PHNOM PENH. IN ITS LATEST BROADCAST, HANOI SAID CAMBODIAN TROOPS HAD ATTACKED AND GAINED COMMAND OF AN AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER IN THE KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE. THE BANGKOK POST REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO THAI MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, SIX VIETNAMESE DIVISIONS HAVE OCCUPIED STRATEGIC AREAS EASTOF THE MEKONG RIVER IN CAMBODIA. (FBIS) (REUTER)*
- 10. THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE US AND CHINA HAVE AGREED TO EXCHANGE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR STUDY BEGINNING THIS WINTER. THERE HAS BEEN NO FINAL AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, AS TO WHICH CHINESE AND US UNIVERSITIES WILL BE CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM. (POST)
- 11. A DOSSIER OF FBI EVIDENCE ON THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELIER SUBMITTED BY THE US TO CHILE CONTAINS IN-FORMATION THAT THE CHILEAN SECRET POLICE SENT CUBAN TERRORISTS ON UNSUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION MISSIONS AGAINST PROMINENT CHILEAN LEADERS. OTHER EVIDENCE CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT SUGGESTS THAT MICHAEL TOWNLEY'S VISITS TO OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAD COINCIDED WITH VARIOUS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS, PLUS À MURDER SIMILAR TO THE LETELIER CASE. (POST)
- 12. JACK ANDERSON RECALLS SOME OF THE DETAILS BEHIND THE ALLEGED CIA-MAFIA PLAN TO ASSASSINATE FIDEL CASTRO, WHICH BACK-FIRED, LEADING TO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THE STORY IS BASED MAINLY ON THE CONVERSATIONS MAFIA HIT-MAN JOHN ROSELLI HAD WITH HIS ATTORNEY (POST) E2 IMPDET. > ORIG: D/PAO(H.HETU X1331); REL: SA/DDCI

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